(d) Details about compensation have been furnished in Answer to the part 'C' of the question above. The letters for employment to all eligible dependents of deceased employees will be issued on completion of the required formalities as per the following details :—

Dependents provided employment	102
Dependent lady paid compensation	1
Dependent minors kept in live roster	2
Letters of appointment issued	5
Dependents interviewed	25
Applications under examination	24
No eligible dependents	7
Claims of dependents disputed	2
TOTAL :	168

Setting up of regulator for coal sector

3989. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a regulator for coal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (c) Keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee on Integrated Coal Policy (Chari Committee), the Central Government decided in Feb, 1997, among other things, to set up an Independent Body to perform the functions of monitoring and processing the proposals for exploration of coal and lignite in the country and allotment of new coal and lignite blocks to Indian Companies, in public and private sector, on the basis of competitive bidding. Proposal was conceived in the context of the amendment to the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 to allow non-captive coal mining by the private sector. Necessary action in the matter can be taken only after the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Bill, 2000 is enacted by the Parliament.